

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 3736

PATENT APPLICATION

In re application of

METHOD AND APPARATUS

MARLIN STEPHEN HEILMAN et al.

FOR ATTACHING A CONDUIT TO THE HEART OR A BLOOD

Serial No. 10/047,507

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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